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# SHELLEY BOLTS AFL CONVENTION

## LEAGUE SEEKS U. S. OPINION ON FAR EAST

China Spokesman Asks  
Nations To Condemn  
Japan for Invasion

(See Page 3 for earlier Details)

GENEVA—The League of Nations sought the opinion and cooperation of the United States in the China-Japan crisis when it threw into its Far-Eastern Advisory Committee the demands of China's chief delegates Dr. Wellington Koo, for League action against the aggressor.

Japan, which had long since resigned from the League, had spokesmen in Geneva who announced in advance that their government demanded a completely free hand to deal with China as it saw fit.

The United States is a member of the Far Eastern Advisory Committee, together with 22 other nations. It was formed in 1933 to attempt finding a solution for the crisis over Japan's invasion of Manchuria. Japan's adamant refusal to back down at that time resulted in nothing more than the issuance of a report.

Dr. Koo demanded on behalf of China that the nations in the League condemn the Japanese aggression and take action to assure that China can get the means to defend herself against this attack.

Dr. Juan Negrin, Spanish premier, repeated the charges that had been made before the Nyon conference by the Soviet Union; that Italy was directly responsible for "creating terror" in the Mediterranean. After its initial reluctant agreement to participate in the patrol, Italy refused all cooperation when it was assigned to patrol only its own Adriatic Coast. The Soviet Union was given the responsibility of patrolling the Black Sea and convoying its own ships through the Mediterranean.

## JAPAN FORCED TO LONG WAR

Chinese Tactics Work For  
Delay in Offensive

SHANGHAI—Chinese forces this week, having embarked on a policy destined to extend the war over a long drawn period, were apparently allowing the Japanese to spread their forces over as wide an area as possible.

With every move calculated to introduce as much delay as possible, the Chinese armies in the North allowed the Japanese to advance further into Shansi province and into the territory south of Peiping-Tientsin.

In the South, however, the Chinese struck back at the new concentration of war ships which is carrying the fight into the Eastern stronghold of the British Empire. Chinese headquarters reported that its planes had sunk one Japanese warship and badly damaged another.

Having been set back earlier in their naval bombardment of a Chinese center near Hongkong, the Japanese carried the fight further south by bombing the Chinese airport at Canton.

On the Shanghai front, with Chinese troops dug in behind withdrawn siege lines out of the range of the Japanese naval guns, the defenders launched a quick offensive which recaptured the town of Lotien.

Union Leaders Speak At  
Labor Rally and Dance,  
Oakland, September 18

OAKLAND—Robert Moore, president of the CIO Industrial Council and I. P. Florey, organizer of Dining Car Cooks and Waiters Local 456, will be guest speakers on "Youth and Unionism" at the Labor Dance and Rally at Oakland Civic Auditorium Ballroom on Saturday, September 18, 8 p. m., under auspices of the Young Communist League of Alameda County. Admission is 35 cents. (Next: In The Training Camp)

## DIARY OF AN AMERICAN IN SPAIN

### College Slogans Decorate American Bunks in Old Fort

By ADDISON KEELER

Spain, July 12, 1937.

Well, here we are at last, quartered in an old Spanish fort near a small town. I can't express what a relief it is for all of us to be in Spain. Paris with its exposition, museums, theaters and night life was an interesting interim but after a few days we were impatient and anxious to get at the job for which we came over. We arrived here yesterday after a hard trip and since then have been resting up.

The fort (the Spanish call it a castillo or "little castle") is of ancient construction with a moat, turrets, cannon embrasures and thick stone walls. Our barracks is a long narrow room with a domed ceiling containing accommodations for about seventy men. Each bed is provided with

The war to save democracy in Spain, first-hand account of the experiences of boys in the Lincoln Brigade, conversations between fellows you know in the trenches of the Loyalists—here they are, beginning in this issue, from the pen of Addison Keeler, San Francisco boy now fighting for Spain.

And Keeler can write. He sees with a trained eye. He reports faithfully for his diary—and for you, through your paper, the Western Worker.

Follow the Lincoln Brigade's crusade against international fascism through the eyes of Keeler in the Western Worker.

a straw mattress, pillow and two clean blankets. At one end of the room a doorway leads to the toilets, on the other to a washroom. Everything is reasonably clean and the walls freshly white-washed.

#### Was Fascist Fort

The dining room is underground in what perhaps formerly was a prison or storeroom. This fort, by the way, was held by the fascists at the beginning of the revolt but only for a short time. Since then it has been used for the temporary accommodation of hundreds of volunteers to the International Brigade. The walls of the staircase leading to our barracks are covered with inscriptions in many different languages. Various groups from England, America, Austria, Poland, Denmark, Italy, Holland and Germany have left their names. "Revolucionario Policy," "Schutzbund Wiert Partido Comunista de Columbia" are among the organizations whose names and members are inscribed here.

There are many inscriptions in German "Death to Fascism," "Heil Morkau!" "Heil Ernst Thaelmann!" and a huge drawing of the Vienna Schutzbund in action. The hammer and sickle appear everywhere.

A group of American students have a section of one wall devoted to an "American Students Roster." I noted State College of San Jose, Harvard, New York University, Swarthmore and others. Several students in our group added their names here. There is also an American Seamen, and a California roster to which we contributed many names.

#### No Complaints Yet

This is only temporary quarters from which we will move tomorrow yet there is little to complain of. The food is fair and there is plenty of it and the coffee and wine are better than in France.

The soldiers of the garrison and the civilians employed in the fort are of course very friendly and do everything to make us feel that we are welcome here. In return we organize squads to clean up quarters, peel spuds, etc. Today a group of mechanics are working to repair the shower system while we others police the streets.

Everywhere there is talk of the recent successes at the front, of the Communist commanders Lister, Galon, Camperino, of planes, guns, anti-aircraft talk and rumors. But we soon look forward to our arrival at the main training camp where more firsthand information will be available. We leave tomorrow and may stop a short time in Barcelona and Valencia.

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### I COULD BE MORE USE THERE' SAYS DR. ELOESSER OF SPAIN

Famous San Francisco Surgeon to Lead Medical Unit  
To Aid Spanish Fighters for Democracy

By TOM PATTERSON

"I could see they need men, and I could be more use there."

There you have the reason Dr. Leo Eloesser gave to the Western Worker for his decision to lead a West Coast medical unit to Spain. He is not one to elaborate.

Nevertheless, this leading surgeon of America, when a \$50,000 campaign has been carried out to finance it, will contribute his skill to the fight against fascism. And accompanying him, he expects to have another surgeon, two assistants, a doctor of internal medicine, a public health expert, surgical nurses, ambulance drivers and mechanics.

We reminded him that while many are sympathetic to the Spanish government, not all are willing to give up as much as he to go there in person to help.

#### There Are Others

"There are others, replied the doctor. There are others indeed. Possibly it is the thought of 2700 young Americans who have gone to Spain to take guns in their hands for the cause. Dr. Eloesser has whole-heartedly supported from the start that leads him to talk so simple of his own expedition.

But the task now is to raise money for this expedition.

Dr. Eloesser revealed that it is already coming in, although the formal campaign has not yet begun.

Who is sending it?

#### Nurse Gives \$200

"Almost every day," said the surgeon, "I get letters from patients or friends, or from people who know of me only because they have heard of this trip to Spain. Some inclose money. Sometimes it is only a dollar, sometimes more."

"Probably the most significant was one from a nurse. She gave \$200 to the Spanish campaign, explaining that she had saved it to take a vacation to Mexico. But when she heard of this expedition she decided that she didn't need a vacation as much as the Spanish people need help."

Dr. Eloesser's practice in San Francisco since 1910, has become distinguished, well established and highly successful. It was preceded by study abroad, in medical institutions regarded as continued P. 6, Col. 1)

### Pencil-Pushers Cabaret Looms

"Can pencil-pushers throw a real party?"

Some cynic dropped this remark in the Western Worker office a few days ago, with the result that the staff promised to hog-tie him and bring him to the Pencil-Pushers Cabaret on Saturday night, September 25, at 121 Haight street, San Francisco.

If he doesn't eat them there harsh words after seeing the floor show that night, he'll be crowned Public Sourpus No. 1. The staff is going to shoot the works in this cabaret and will show you the greatest time in a life time. Everybody's invited—no holds barred. Admission is 35 cents.

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### ATTENTION All Party Members

Members!

To date the State-wide ballot on the Days Wages donation to the Daily Western Worker Financial Drive shows a return of 83% in favor of the measure and 17% against.

On the basis of this partial return, it is evident that the measure will carry by a heavy majority when the vote is completed.

Not later than October 1st, every Unit and Branch of the Party in every County must have voted and reported the result to the State Drive Committee.

The Day's Wages question is one of the most vital in the Financial Campaign and must be completed at once. If you have not yet voted in your Unit or Branch, take this question up at the next meeting and put the vote through. All returns should be sent immediately to the State Executive Committee, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

### "JAPAN JAILS FULL"—LLOYD

Seamen Stuck to Posts As  
Bombs Fell on Ship

By HARRY BARTON

"Conscientious objectors are filling the jails in Kobe, Japan," declared a seaman off the President Hoover, bomb-scarred ship, that crawled into San Francisco from the Orient this week. Seaman E. Lloyd ought to know, having been forced to stand up while in the clinic there.

Lloyd was taken onto the crew of the President Hoover to replace Lionel Haskell, killed during the bombing near Shanghai. He was jailed when left behind by the President Tait.

Japanese able to speak a few words of English told him the war was very unpopular in Japan. Many soldiers now in China fighting in the ranks of the Japanese army are there against their will.

#### People Choose Jail

Japan is under what amounts to military law. Resistance to conscription or to the extraordinary war taxes brings quick reprisals from the military police.

Other members of the crew of the President Hoover gave vivid pictures of the bombing of the big passenger boat. Members of the black gang had a few bad moments during the bombing. Eight boilers were up to full steam at the time of the "eggs" started to "hatch."

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#### Men Want Bonuses

Nearly every bunk house on the port side was pierced by shrapnel. I found three men in bunks in the oiler's bunk house. I asked them what they thought of extra bonuses for trips through the war zones.

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#### dirty pavement.

Mrs. del Liano, from whom Manuel is expected by the law to receive his home training, is forced to work eight hours every night in a neighboring cannery. Her wages for this work come to about \$4 a day. During the day she must sleep and care for her home. She was forced to get up out of bed to answer the door when I called.

"All this trouble is keeping me from my work," she said. "There's been too much talking about my boy. He's a good boy and he's been trying to go straight."

#### To Live With Mother

At first naturally resentful of all newspapers she became more friendly when she discovered that the Western Worker wanted to help Manuel and Cecilia's love to provide "sensational" stories. She feels, and I could not help but agree, that such sensational and distorted publicity can do far more to wreck Manuel and Cecilia's lives than a quiet marriage unattended by newshawks and batteries of flashlight cameras.

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Surrounded by brother unionists, the body of Lionel Haskell, victim of the Hoover bombing, was laid to its last resting place Tuesday morning. Among many floral pieces laid at the grave was one from C. C. Huang, Chinese Consul in San Francisco.

Albert Lewis, organizer of the industrial section of the Party, will be the main speaker.

Los Angeles Fete to  
Honor Constitution

LOS ANGELES—A Communist Party speaker will share the platform with representatives of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at a Communist Party mass meeting here Sunday night, 8 p. m., in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American constitution.

The meeting will be held at the Music Arts Auditorium, 23 S. Broadway.

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# Roosevelt Impedes Arms Shipment to Defending Chinese

## FORBIDS U. S. OWNED BOATS FROM TRADING

### Protection Withdrawn From Arms Shipping To China, Japan

(See Editorial, Page 4)  
WASHINGTON—Government owned vessels were prohibited by a presidential order here from transporting arms and ammunition to China or Japan, and all American flag ships were warned that they could do so only at their own risk.

The proclamation stopped short of invoking the neutrality act, but the full effect of this legislation was applied as far as it was possible for President Roosevelt to do so in his capacity as commander-in-chief of the army and navy.

#### Stops China Shipment

Bearing out the charges that "neutrality" in effect helps the aggressor nation against the one invaded, the presidential order came as the government owned freighter Wichita, under lease, was en route to China with a cargo of planes. Scheduled for a refueling stop in San Pedro, it was in danger of being stopped under the order.

President Roosevelt's statement, issued after a cabinet meeting and a conference with Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Chairman Joseph B. Kennedy of the Maritime Commission, said:

"At Own Risk"

Merchant vessels owned by the government of the United States will not hereafter until further notice be permitted to transport to China or Japan any of the arms, ammunition, or implements of war which were listed in the President's proclamation of May 1, 1937.

"Any other merchant vessels, flying the American flag which attempts to transport any of the listed articles to China or Japan, will, until further notice, do so at their own risk."

The question of applying the neutrality act remains in status quo, the government policy remaining on a 24-hour basis."

## OLIVER IN PRAISE OF DETROIT LABOR DRIVE FOR OFFICE

DETROIT—"You are sounding a signal that will end the sabotage practiced by congress on the promises made to the voters in the 1936 campaign," Executive Vice-President E. L. Oliver of the Non-Partisan League told a conference of Detroit labor campaign workers.

Adequate housing and a new deal in the police department have been made the two principal issues of the campaign. Labor's mayoralty candidate, Judge Patrick H. O'Brien, promised that one of his first acts in office would be to fire Police Commissioner Heinrich Pickert, suggesting that any one of a number of experienced picket captains would be a logical successor.

Pickert, aside from sponsoring well-known brutality against strikers, recently decreed that the Spanish aid film, "Heart of Spain," could not be shown in Detroit because of its uncomplimentary references to Hitler and Mussolini. Nazi Consul Fritz Haider told the press he had confidence that the police would handle the matter satisfactorily.

When the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy went to court, assured that the law provided only for censorship of indecency or immorality, the commissioner backed down and the film was shown.

## Machine Delegates Dominate Painters

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Dominated by machine delegates, representing a majority of locals but a minority of members, the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators & Paperhangers convention concluded here with passing a resolution charging the CIO with "wishing to destroy the American Federation of Labor."

## C.-P. Women In Los Angeles to Meet On Oct. 10

LOS ANGELES—All women members of the Communist Party in Los Angeles County are called to a special membership meeting Sunday, Oct. 10, at 2 p. m., at 546½ S. Spring street.

The meeting was called by the county committee to form a women's commission and to outline its scope and purpose. Moving toward this end, the Party formed a special women's class in the Workers' School several weeks ago.

## SCOTTSBORO RULING WINS RIGHTS FOR NEGROES IN NORTH CAROLINA

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Civil rights belonging to Negroes under the U. S. Constitution but never before granted them in the South are now being yielded in North Carolina. This is a direct result of the Scottsboro case. Throughout this state Negroes are currently being drawn for jury panels and actual jury service.

For the first time since Reconstruction days a Negro is serving on a McDowell county superior court jury at Marion. A number of Negro names had been placed in the jury box after Judge J. H. Clement directed McDowell commissioners to do so. This action, it is admitted, was taken because of last year's ruling in the Scottsboro case by the U. S. Supreme Court, which requires names of eligible Negroes to be placed on the jury rolls.

In May of this year a Negro served on a jury in Gastonia, sitting on 15 divorce cases in a two-week civil court term. This was the first time a Negro ever saw jury service in Gaston county.

In Charlotte, largest city of the Carolinas, two Negro jurors have just been chosen to serve at seven weeks of Macklenburg county superior court.

## HAYWOOD PATTERSON PUT ON CHAIN GANG; APPEAL FILED

### Forced to Work in Swamp In Spite of Operation for Infected Leg

NEW YORK—Haywood Patterson, Scottsboro defendant for whom a new appeal has just been filed with the United States Supreme Court, has been put on a chain gang in a Southern Alabama swamp land in spite of an operation less than a month ago for a chronic infection in the left leg.

Recalling that threats have already been made against Paterson's life in Kilby Prison, the National Scottsboro committee added a public protest to the legal action it is already taking in his behalf.

**Appeals for Protest**  
President Vito Marcantonio of the International Labor Defense issued a statement which said:

"This obvious attempt on the part of the Alabama authorities to do away with Haywood Patterson. A Alabama authorities must be shown by a nation-wide protest, that millions of Americans are more than ever before vitally interested in the welfare of the Scottsboro boys."

"Three of the boys, Andy Wright, Charlie Weems and Ozie Powell, all of whom are sick, are still in Kilby Prison facing the same fate as Haywood Patterson. They too must be transferred back to the county jail in Birmingham pending the appeal in their cases."

"Alabama must be shown that the fight for the lives and freedom of the remaining five Scottsboro Boys has just begun. And only mass pressure of the most vigorous kind can show them."

## LOBBY SEEKS AFFILIATION TO L. N. P. L.

Officers Instructed to Confer With E. L. Oliver on His West Coast Visit

SAN FRANCISCO—The California People's Legislative Conference will join its forces with Labor's Non-Partisan League under whatever arrangement can best serve to accomplish the similar purposes of both organizations. It was learned here following the state executive board meeting of the Conference in Fresno.

Officers of the Legislative Conference were given power to act and instructed to confer with E. L. Oliver, executive vice president of the Non-Partisan League, on the latter's arrival here within a week.

The Santa Maria convention of the Conference had earlier passed a resolution announcing a desire to affiliate with the League and instructing the officers to negotiate to that end. At Fresno these officers were supplemented by an additional five members of the executive committee to meet with Oliver on his arrival in San Francisco.

Oliver recently addressed a conference of labor unions in Detroit, encouraging their strong campaign to elect a mayor and five councilmanic candidates. He is on a nation-wide tour, conferring with representatives of labor and farm organizations, accepting new affiliations with the League and cementing the League's relationship with already existing progressive political organizations.

## Conference Will Act On War Bonus

WASHINGTON—After demands by the National Maritime Union, the Federal Maritime Commission has called a conference between ship operators and maritime union leaders to consider the question of war bonuses when sailing into Far Eastern or other danger zones. The conference will be held here September 22.

The NMU has demanded bonuses of \$250 for seamen aboard vessels sailing to war zones.

## NAT'L NEGRO CONGRESS TO MEET OCT. 15

### Head of Tuskegee School Will be Among Speakers In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA—President Frederick D. Paterson, successor to Booker T. Washington and Robert R. Moton as president of Tuskegee Institute, will be among the speakers when the third convention of the National Negro Congress meets here Oct. 15 to 17.

This announcement was made by National Secretary John P. Davis as preparations for the three-day convention were being worked out in conjunction with a group of prominent Philadelphia citizens for the three-day convention.

Davis said that three special commemorative exercises will be held during the three days.

#### Honor John Brown

The convention will open by participation in the city of Philadelphia's celebration of the 150th anniversary of the constitution. A central feature of the second day's program will be a fitting observation of the 75th anniversary of John Brown's historic raid on Harper's Ferry.

The third day will feature a commemorative service for Richard Allen, founder of the African Methodist Church.

The citizens' committee cooperating in the preparations for the Congress Attorney Raymond Pace Alexander, John C. Lymas, president of the Philadelphia local of the National Alliance of Post-Employees and other Negro leaders.

#### Youth Delegates

Directors of the congress youth committee announced that they expected between 500 and 1000 young people as delegates to the convention. The West Philadelphia Civic League and the Citywide Young People's Forum are both cooperating in this phase of the arrangements.

Aside from Dr. Patterson, who will speak on "The Negro and Land Ownership," some of the outstanding speakers already scheduled in the Congress are:

Lt. Gov. Thomas J. Kennedy of Pennsylvania; A. Philip Randolph, President of the National Negro Congress and of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; S. David Wilson, mayor of Philadelphia; the Rev. Marshall L. Shepard, Negro member of the Pennsylvania legislature, and Max Yergan, director of the International Committee on African affairs.

**Soviet Young Men  
Rushing to Enlist  
In Red Army**

MOSCOW—A rush of stalwart young men, just out of their teens, greeted the annual enlistment program of the Red Army. Every enlistment station was crowded with those anxious to join the front line of Soviet defenders.

Enlistments and examinations during the first ten days reflected the steady improvements in the general standard of living.

Out of every 100 prospective recruits, five more were found eligible than during the 1936 enlistment period. A high percentage of the new recruits are members of the Young Communist League.

Thirty-two per cent of all those called for enlistment have high school or college educations.

#### Nazi Warships Ailing

KIEL, Germany—There is more to the building of a big German navy than just appropriating money. The German pocket battleship Gneisenau, after being launched recently, had to be put into dry dock again because her armored plates were not welded together properly.

Specialists are afraid that the ship would fall apart as soon as her heavy guns opened fire. Low wages and speedup are blamed for the poor workmanship.

**For Tax Revision**

The program of the Federation calls for a revision of the state assessments schedule of the state, placing a larger burden on large corporations, for a special session of the legislature to repeal the service tax, for a revision of the income tax to higher rates in the upper brackets, for making liquor distribution a monopoly of the State government, for exemption of relief and WPA workers from the service and sales taxes, for old age pensions at a minimum of \$45 monthly and for revision of the state government to cut expenses.

Federation heads said that Governor Teller Ammons, acting in appointing a committee to investigate relief conditions and recommend legislation or other actions is in line with a part of the Federation's program.

Officials expected workers this year to receive more because of the increased pay envelopes won by workers in steel and automobile industries. They estimated that the average per capita income to all employees

## Yanks Fighting for Spanish Democracy



AT HOME these boys may or may not be democrats, but they and the other members of the Washington and Lincoln Battalians are fighting a genuine war to "save democracy." Their devotion to the cause of liberty is reflected in the recent reverses of Franco and the growing dilemma of Hitler and Mussolini.

## MALNUTRITION OF WORKERS NOT LIMITED TO DEPRESSION AREAS, SURVEY REVEALS

WASHINGTON—"Large numbers of workers not only in impoverished or depressed areas but even in the most advanced industrial countries are inadequately nourished," and that this condition "is not just a depression phenomenon."

Figures comparing the consumption of certain basic foods by workers in Detroit with workers in other nations during the 1927 to 1929 period are published. Detroit, it was noted, is a relatively well paid industrial city when compared with other industrial cities in this country.

**US Surpassed Abroad**  
In flour equivalents workers in Detroit consumed 100 units as compared with 150 units in Belgium and 162 units in Poland. Detroit workers consumed 100 units of meat and fish compared with 151 units in Norway, 105 units in Belgium and 112 units in Sweden.

Detroit workers led only in the consumption of eggs and fresh fruits while workers in Sweden, Norway and Belgium had more margarine and butter, potatoes and milk and cheese, as well as flour equivalents and meat and fish.

**Plenitude Available**  
It is pointed out by the ILO in its study that, although many workers do not receive an adequate diet, technically, agriculture in major countries is in a position to meet the requirements for foodstuffs for an adequate diet.

Putting the potentialities into practice is the economic problem facing nations."

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Committee members such as Franchot Tone, Fredrick March, Luis Ranier, Nancy Carroll, Lewis Milestone, Lionel Stander, Humphrey Cobb, Fred Keating and Donald Ogden Stewart, are sponsoring the organization of similar local units throughout the itinerary of the Caravan of Democracy.

Miss Sona Dahl, secretary of the Motion Picture Artists' Committee, stated that the Hollywood office located at 6912 Hollywood Boulevard, will assist in the formation of local branches.

## MASS MEETING WILL LAUNCH CAMPAIGN AGAINST NEW S. F. THREAT OF ANTI-PICKET ACT

### Conference of Trade Unions Called to Secure Wide Participation at Scottish Rite Sept. 29

SAN FRANCISCO—A mass meeting under trade union auspices, to arouse public vigilance against the proposed new anti-picketing ordinance, will be held Wednesday evening, September 29, at Scottish Rite Auditorium.

The campaign was initiated by the Honest Government Committee, but will be divorced from the remainder of the Honest Government campaign in order to secure the fullest possible participation of trade unions, irrespective of other issues.

In preparation for the meeting, a conference of all interested trade unions has been called a week earlier, Sept. 22, 8 p. m., at 145 Turk Street.

The anti-picketing campaign, and its separation from the remaining issues on the Honest Government program, was decided upon at the last full conference. The mass meeting itself, and the conference a week earlier, were arranged by the campaign committee Tuesday night.

Although the Honest Government Committee has completed the draft of its seven-point platform of civic reform and support for the rights of labor, it has postponed announcement of its candidates until the next general conference.

Although many prospective candidates have been interviewed by the officers who constitute the candidates interviewing committee, all of the recommendations of this committee will be submitted to all the delegates for final ratification.

**Student Paper At  
U. of C. Attacks  
Military Training**

BERKELEY—Reopening a campaign to abolish compulsory military training, the Daily Californian, student newspaper at the University of California, branded the university regents as reactionary.

The paper had earlier pointed out this refusal to give any recognition to a student vote which overwhelmingly favored the abolition of compulsory military training.

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Committee members such as Franchot Tone, Fredrick March, Luis Ranier, Nancy Carroll, Lewis Milestone, Lionel Stander, Humphrey Cobb, Fred Keating and Donald Ogden Stewart, are sponsoring the organization of similar local units throughout the itinerary of the Caravan of Democracy.

Miss Sona Dahl, secretary of the Motion Picture Artists' Committee, stated that the Hollywood office located at 6912 Hollywood Boulevard, will assist in the formation of local branches.

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# Charge AFL Organizer With Threatening Violence in Fields

## CHINA INSISTS ON LEAGUE AID AGAINST JAPAN

Wellington Koo Calls For Action Under Terms Of Covenant

GENEVA—Placing the insistence of China for enforcement of League of Nations statutes squarely before the assembled representatives of leading nations, Dr. Wellington Koo warned that Japan's plans of conquest include the expulsion of the United States and European countries from the entire Far East.

Dr. Koo, chief Chinese delegate to the League Council, asserted additionally that a Japan in control of China's vast resources and man power would challenge every other power in its economic penetration of South America.

### Asks Enforcement

He demanded action against China under Articles X, XI and XVII of the League covenant. Under these the League signatories pledge to preserve the territorial integrity and political independence of League members, to recognize a threat of war as a matter of general concern and to act accordingly and to invite non-member nations (such as Japan) to participate in discussions regarding them.

The least the League should do, said Dr. Koo, is to:

1. Denounce Japanese aggression.

2. Repudiate Japan's blockade of the China Coast.

3. Condemn the bombing of non-combatants by Japanese war planes.

## Greetings Spanish Children in the Soviet Union



MOSCOW PIONEERS greet Spanish refugee children on their return from a summer in the Crimea. As soon as school starts, the young guests will study in a Moscow school.

## Loyalist Belchite Victory Tremendous Unity Spur

Government's Forces Needed No Lesson in Bravery, But Victory in Aragon Proved Ability at Strategy

By JOSEPH NORTH

VALENCIA, Spain—When one returns from the Aragon front to Spain's seething political center in Valencia, the magnitude of the Belchite victory is immediately made clear. It has played an immeasurable part in the titanic striving for unity.

The military victories gain more than terrain and cannon speak with political authority.

The capture of Belchite not only plays a silent but significant role in the considerations

of the League of Nations at Geneva. It has wielded a big influence behind the lines, in the rear, where Franco's "Fifth Column" hopes to trade on any possible Rift in the People's Front.

### Significant Victory

The victory at Belchite forced many a saboteur and secret fascist agent hurriedly to draw in his horns.

The capture of Belchite has proved the most significant military event since the war began. People on the crowded streets

This is the first dispatch by Joseph North from the Spanish front, where he is now as the special correspondent of the Daily, Sunday and Western Worker.

### A Well-Drawn Plan

Yet these cities fell and indicated to the world what the People's Army had built itself into after 14 months of warfare and particularly since the Negrin Cabinet took office.

### 1,500 Fascists Killed

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The town had been the point of a salient which stuck like a thorn into Government territory and prevented the Government from cutting the Teruel roads joining Teruel with its supply basis, Camin real and Calatayud.

The drive also diverted certain of the fascist forces from the north, where the Asturians are besieged by invading hosts of Italians and Germans.

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The encirclement of these two cities, particularly Quinto, worked like model lessons in a book of military strategy.

The People's Army, which needed no lesson in courage, had learned tactics.

At Quinto the tanks lumbered up, leading the infantry, and point after point was taken on schedule.

### Entered the Town

Everything clicked similarly at Belchite.

The losses were relatively small, despite the terrific fight at Belchite. I was there, and saw how it was.

You advance under heavy fire. After several days attack overhilly land guarded by a criss-

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## Whitewash Over Long Beach

J. W. BUZZELL and the gang running the Teamsters' Union have bludgeoned the State Federation of Labor into going on record as legalizing the use of gangster methods in the unions.

That's the only meaning that can be attached to their motion to table any condemnation of the gangster assault upon John F. Shelley and their blocking of any investigation of the incident.

They succeeded in erasing from the convention records any reference to the slugging. But the scars on Shelley's head remain. The scars on organized labor's conscience remain. Those things they cannot erase. Their crime against the labor movement cannot be whitewashed!

If there are those who still doubt who is guilty let them read the words of John P. McLaughlin, Teamsters' Union czar in San Francisco. He said:

"I'm damn sorry it happened. I can't understand the assault on Jack Shelley. Of course the feeling against CIO is tense. The Southern California delegates were so burned up it was hard to tell what might happen. There had been a lot of feeling Shelley had not been firm enough in combatting CIO."

The only motive for the attack McLaughlin could find was that "Shelley had not been firm enough in combatting CIO."

Who wants a firmer policy? John P. McLaughlin and the rest of the "fight to the finish" gang.

The State Federation machine would not protest. The labor movement will! The machine will not act. The rank and file will!

It will not stand for the legalization of gangsterism. Demand an investigation of the slugging and the bringing to justice of the guilty one. Drive those who use and shield gangsters out of the labor movement!

## They Won't Forget California's Shame

THE twenty-one year old fight for Tom Mooney's freedom entered another phase this week.

Senator O'Mahoney set December 15 as the opening date for a hearing by a Senate judiciary sub committee on a resolution asking the Senate to memorialize Governor Merriam to pardon Mooney.

Those tireless lovers of liberty who have stood by Mooney these many long years must have greeted the news with renewed faith in the ultimate victory of their battle for justice.

Renewed faith and renewed vigor. The news should serve as a signal to prepare for the mightiest campaign labor and its friends have yet staged to impress upon the Senate the fact that the people demand the passage of that resolution.

While prospects for the 1938 state elections are under discussion, Senator O'Mahoney's announcement is a timely reminder that no candidate can be regarded favorably by labor and freedom loving people unless he is definitely pledged to wipe out California's shame.

## President Roosevelt Has Aided Japan and Hindered China

CHARACTERISTICALLY, the first application of the principles of so-called neutrality in the China-Japan conflict has the immediate effect of endangering a shipment of planes to the nation defending itself against one of the world's most notorious aggressors.

It harms China, which has not one ship capable of crossing the Pacific to help the Chinese defend themselves against one of the most shameless acts of aggression yet undertaken.

It won the praise of Japan, whose merchant fleet can carry all the U. S. planes and scrap iron it wants, without let or hindrance. The Japanese newspaper Asahi editorially praised President Roosevelt's move, declaring, that it would have no effect on Japan, but would be fatal to China.

Neutral?

Not by the longest stretch of the imagination is this neutrality!

Japan's huge merchant fleet plies regularly to Pacific Coast ports. It is free to haul any and all of the proscribed war materials. China must depend on the merchant fleets of other nations. Now the action of the President of the United States curtails its possibility of doing so.

It is true that Roosevelt did not apply the

Neutrality Act itself. But without invoking the act he has put into effect a part of its vicious provisions by his authority as head of the army and navy.

Who profits by it?

Certainly not the United States, which itself is seriously threatened by Japan. Certainly not the United States when every encouragement given to Japan's aggression only draws the United States nearer to war.

Only the Japanese imperialists are aided by this action of President Roosevelt, and any aid to the Japanese imperialists is a blow to the independence of China and to the peace of the United States and of the world.

The state department must be flooded with protests over this flagrant assistance to Japan. Not only must this decree be reversed, but both the State Department and White House must be flooded with demands for action against the aggressor. The Nine-Power Treaty and the Kellogg-Briand Peace Pact must be invoked by action on the part of the United States refusing any direct or indirect aid to Japan and giving China the full opportunity to obtain means of defending itself.

Let the Chinese-Soviet Pact of Non-Aggression be the example for the United States.

Let aggression be hindered, not assisted.

## Decline and Fall of National Oppression

WELL MAY America's millions of national minority peoples rejoice at the historic process which now is transforming the world's political structure.

The earth is being reshaped before their very eyes.

Clashes in Palestine and Harlem, uprisings in South Africa and the Philippines, unrest throughout India and all Latin America, and now the heroic unification of the Chinese people against Japanese imperialists — all these seemingly isolated events spell doom for the handful of monopolist blocs that seized control of the governmental machinery of eight national states and converted them into powerful instruments for enslaving and exploiting the weaker peoples of the earth.

In this knowledge is comfort and encouragement for our own national minorities.

In the experience of other subject-peoples are lessons for millions of Negro, Indian, Mexican, Filipino, and foreign-born peoples whose lives and liberties are crushed by the wheel that grinds out profits for Wall Street.

But who will give this comfort and explain these lessons?

Who will say to millions of Americans that these are the days of reckoning for oppressors everywhere? That this is the epoch some Marxist Gibbon, in a chronicle written a thousand years from now, will call "The Decline and Fall of National Oppression"?

Not the subsidized university that exists by the grace of Wall Street.

Not the capitalist press that feeds from the hand of monopoly.

Only a powerful people's newspaper, built by the toil of workers of every color and creed, will dare to explain these lessons.

Only a newspaper guided by the worldview that sees no event without its cause, no special trend without its universal significance — the Marxist view — can give this comfort.

Only a newspaper published daily, participating hourly in the actual struggles of oppressed peoples, can serve the cause of progress and national freedom.

This is the kind of newspaper the daily Western Worker will be.

And this is why hundreds of thousands of persecuted minority peoples on the Pacific Coast are mobilized behind the drive to build this newspaper by January 1.

## Happy Birthday To Our Party

ON SUNDAY, Sept. 19, in Los Angeles and San Francisco will be held celebrations of the eighteenth birthday of the Communist Party of the United States.

Eighteen years is not a long time in the life of a party. But in that brief interval, the Communist Party has emerged as a telling factor in the life of the country with which all people must reckon.

Elsewhere on this page is published some brief remarks of Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Party, on its history. They should be carefully studied by everyone and will prove a revelation to a great many people who have been fed all the stock lies peddled about the Communists.

It might prove interesting to some to learn that the Party was not born in Moscow, but in an American city as Chicago, Ill. Equally as interesting might be the fact that the Party grew in size and influence as a result of its struggles in behalf of the American people on American soil. Its brief history shows that at all times the interests of the Party were identified with those of the great mass of the people.

Because of this, many slogans first developed by the Party, have now been adopted by millions of people because they have learned through their own experience that those slogans merited their support and expressed their desires.

On birthdays, it is customary to give gifts. We suggest two immediate gifts from all members of the party and its friends. They are a Daily Western Worker and a great recruiting campaign that will swell the ranks of the party in the West.

## For Them Lincoln Died in Vain



NEGRO COTTON PICKERS shown at work in Ellis County, Texas, where conditions of share-cropping virtually keep the landless farmers in a state of slavery. In the conditions of some six million Negroes in the Black Belt is to be found the core of the economic, political and social inequalities affecting the entire population of 14 million Negro Americans.

## On the 18th Anniversary of The Communist Party

Speech of Earl Browder, September 1st, 1937 over NBC Blue Net network, at 6:15 to 6:30 p.m.  
"The Eighteenth Anniversary of the Founding of the Communist Party"

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### The Spirit of Debs

Founded in Chicago 18 years ago today, the Communist Party must trace its history further back, because it is really a continuation of the old Socialist Party founded almost 40 years ago by Eugene V. Debs, Victor L. Berger, and their associates.

At the convention of the Socialist Party in 1919, the majority of the membership were expelled by the leadership; it was this majority that founded the Communist Party. How truly the Communists represented the movement of Debs is demonstrated by the fact that the Socialist Party, since that time, never recovered from the blow inflicted upon it by its leaders; it is now only a shadow of its former self, while the Communist Party is emerging as a growing and significant force in American politics, to which all thinking men must give attention.

At this moment the Communist Party stands alone among all the minority parties of the country in the publication field, with ten daily newspapers and some twenty weekly and semi-weekly publications. At this moment we are raising a great fund to launch two more daily newspapers in the English language, one in Chicago and the other in San Francisco. These, with our Daily Worker and Sunday Worker, published in New York, will constitute the first newspaper chain in America owned and controlled by a working-class political party.

Supplementing this news press, our Party issues a growing flood of books, pamphlets, and magazines, all of which find a ready and growing market. It is conceded even by our enemies that the publications of our Party exert a great and growing influence upon the country, and that they are models of efficient organization.

### Unity and Discipline

What is the message that this powerful voice of the Communist Party is giving to America? First of all, it is the message of the need for the great mass of the people, the workers and farmers, to organize for their own self-protection against the forces of greed and exploitation, collectively known as Wall Street. Trade unions of the workers and the various forms of organization of the farmers, and cooperation between these two groups, receive from the Communist Party its undivided attention and support. Our Party trains its members to be the most effective organizers and helpers in building the organizations of the people. In this tremendous and difficult task it is no small thing to have a compact, disciplined, and well-organized party helping in every way to solve the complex problems that arise. Many hundreds of thousands of workers have learned to value the work of the Communist Party in this field, and to trust our Party.

### Fights For Peace

Fifthly, the Communist Party is fighting for a peace policy for the United States for a policy that will keep America out of war by helping the peace-loving and democratic peoples of other lands to keep war out of the world. We condemn the stupid and hypocritical "neutralities" law which is the most unneutral law ever written, and which threatens to drag America into a new world war by directly encouraging the war-making fascists. We propose that the U. S. should base its foreign policy squarely upon the Kellogg-Briand Pact of Paris, by which

Communist Party, for example, which brought forward the first proposal for Unemployment, Old Age and Social Insurance, and organized a mass movement in its support, which enlisted millions and paved the way for those small beginnings toward this end enacted into Law by the Roosevelt Administration. It was the Communist Party, alone of all political parties, which helped the farmers to fight against eviction at the depth of the crisis, and which supported completely every legislative demand of the farmers for relief from their burdens. Only the Communist Party, no other, officially supported the demand of the war veterans for the bonus, a demand forced to fulfillment over the leaders of all other parties. It was the right organized and led by the Communist party on behalf of the unemployed which finally brought from a reluctant congress those measures of relief and work which saved America from catastrophe. Millions of Americans took part in these fights, who were not Communists, but the only political party which helped them, and which brought about national unity and organization of the battle, was the Communist Party.

### Champions Negro

Thirdly, it was the Communist Party, alone among political parties, which saw the crying need for America to put an end to the disgraceful rule of lynch law and special persecution of the Negro people, and which made a practical day to day struggle for this purpose. Thus it was the Communists who took up the fight for the Scottsboro boys, finally won the release of four of them, saved the lives of all, and brought the whole country to consciousness of a national disgrace which must be wiped out. It was the Communists who took up the fight for the Georgia chain gang, won a victory for the whole Negro people. It was the Communist Party which alone raised the banner of full and complete citizenship for the Negroes although a hypocritical promise of these rights has been written into the Constitution for generations.

Fourthly the Communist Party is working for the unity of the working-class and for the establishment of a common fighting front of the great majority of the people in a permanent political coalition a People's Front, against their enemies, the bankers and monopolists who dominate Wall Street. The Communist Party which alone raised the banner of full and complete citizenship for the Negroes although a hypocritical promise of these rights has been written into the Constitution for generations.

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On its 18th Anniversary the Communist Party is conducting a recruiting campaign for new members. We invite into our ranks for organized common work to achieve our common ends, all who agree with our basic program, who have learned to trust and respect our Party. We want to add to our present 50,000 active dues paying members, within the next few weeks, at least another 50,000 whom we know are prepared to join our ranks when the invitation is put squarely before them. The growth of the Communist Party is the greatest blow against the rule of monopolists and financiers; it is the greatest guarantee against reaction and fascism; it is the hope of democracy and progress; it is the promise of a future America with peace and prosperity for every man, woman, and child.

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## WorldFront

By HARRY GANNES

### Soviet U-Boat Stand Called Fascists' Bluff

Behind the braggadocio and nose-thumbing of Mussolini and Hitler at the results of the Nyon conference on Piracy, the fascists are deeply concerned over events being shaped by the firm peace stand of the Soviet Union.

Rome and Berlin measure the agreements reached by the Nine Powers on the Mediterranean menace with their own yardsticks. Skeptics in other countries believe that nothing has been accomplished.

But let us see about that. The hysteria and childish name-calling directed against Stalin and Litvinoff in the German and Italian press are symptoms of fascist rage over the dramatic and powerful action of the Soviet Union. Hitler and Mussolini know only too well that the Soviet Union has again demonstrated its leading role in world politics in the struggle for peace. The wishful estimate of the Soviet Union's "weakness" as result of the purge of Trotzkyite allies of fascism and spies has been rudely shattered by realities. European diplomats and militarists (and somewhat reluctantly the capitalist press) recognize that the Soviet Union was never stronger and more able to defend the Socialist fatherland than at the present time.

### Results of Nyon

Concerning the Nyon Conference itself, we can tabulate the following general results:

(1) The fascist dictators' scheme to destroy the conference completely failed. Whether the British government wished it or not, the lines were drawn more sharply than ever before between the leading democratic powers of Europe and the fascist Rome-Berlin-Tokio axis.

(2) Despite the absence of the Pirate Mussolini and his gangster pal, Hitler, the conference was held and actually reached an agreement.

(3) Though the British Tories did everything they could to save Mussolini's face, they could not shield Italian fascism as the pirate of the Mediterranean.

(4) Even though the decisions and plans are not sufficiently complete nor effective against piracy, the Nyon conference results will work to hinder Italy's continued piracy.

(5) Mussolini, through the British delegation, failed to smugg

# That Daily Paper

Figures . . . Alameda  
On the Air? . . . Sonoma  
One Man's Wage  
Santa Barbara

Whenever the big shot Wall Street economists take a deep breath, wave their arms and begin to spout figures, we know it's time to duck. When it comes to taking innocent little ciphers and twisting them around until they are blue in the face in an attempt to make them prove something which ain't, they have no equals.

But don't blame the figures. Facts and figures are important to us in our work and the time has come to unload a fancy set of numbers which shed a revealing light on the Daily "Western" Drive.

There are exactly 116 days (counting Sundays) during the Drive and eight of them are no more. With \$35,000 as the goal, it would take \$301.72 per each and every day of the Drive to complete our task. So far, in the eight days, a total of \$67.00 has been turned in.

This is an average for the first eight days of \$63.80 per day. Subtract this from \$301.72 and we have a DAILY deficit of \$207.92!

All of which is a not so simple way of telling you that at this writing, the Drive is \$1,663.36 BEHIND. This, in turn, means that the Daily Average must now be BOOSTED to \$317.80 per day for every day left. As soon as you recover from the headache, GET BUSY!

## Alameda Picnic

Over 1,000 persons attended the Alameda County Picnic last Sunday, this being the first major affair to be held in the State for the Financial Drive. A good profit was made and Alameda now leads all other counties in percentage of quota turned in. They led all the way in the Circulation Drive, only to be beaten out by Santa Barbara at the finish. This time, says DAVE ADAMS, Drive Director, there won't be anyone ahead of them at the end of the race.

## Tune In

Some time ago, we understood that Los Angeles had arranged for a series of 12 radio broadcasts for the Drive. Under Western Worker auspices, they would give a week-by-week summary of the local, national and international news.

There is little question that such broadcasts would immediately develop a large following among all progressive and intelligent people. We're personally so damn tired of hearing the news hashed up and distorted over the "regular" news broadcasts that we fear we would blissfully faint were we to hear a clear, Marxist interpretation of the present muddled world situation from our radio.

Units could use the broadcasts for "listening" parties; the talks could "plug" the Western Worker as nothing else could; appeals could be made for direct donations; every one . . . say, Los Angeles, when are you going to cut loose with it?

## About Sonoma

Sonoma County (where tar and feathers rank among the principal products) is underway in the Drive. Working under handicaps no other county in the state faces, a determined band of comrades are planning to carry the Drive through in spite of any obstacles.

## One Day's Pay

First worker in the State to donate a day's pay to the Financial Drive is HARRY LAWRENCE, 22 A. D., San Francisco, who brought in his \$5.00 this week. In addition, comrade LAWRENCE has collected \$20.00, which makes him the leading Press Builder in the State.

## Again—"Little Alameda"

This unit, with a membership of seven comrades, undertook a quota of \$300 for the Drive—by far the largest quota per member in the State. To date, they have turned in \$35.50 or more than 10 per cent of their quota.

## About Santa Barbara

A letter has just been received from Santa Barbara announcing that they have raised their quota from \$350 to \$500!

## Listen, White Bosses!

By BELLE WEST

Atlanta, Ga.  
Listen, White bosses—lynchers!  
I'm White, too!  
I'm sixteen.  
You love to call me  
The Flower of Southern womanhood!  
And breed hate in my heart  
With sneaking lies of  
"Nigger rape."  
But I laugh in your face,  
And stretch my hand  
To a black boy in Georgia's jail  
Whose courage  
You cowards can't break!  
Angelo Herndon, do you hear us?  
Do you hear our tread?  
It shakes the lynchers  
Like a reed in the wind.  
Listen to our step—Negro,  
White!

All in time—the same rhythm.  
We are coming, Angelo,  
Listen!

(Editor's Note: This poem reprinted from "Let Me Live" is a striking example of the spirit that saved Angelo from the lynchers and that must save the remaining Scottsboro Boys.)

# Death Threatens Four Scottsboro Boys

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Tortured by more than six and a half years of brutal confinement in jail, four of the five imprisoned Scottsboro boys are seriously ill in Kilby prison in this city.

Tuberculosis is eating away the life of Charlie Weems, Ozie Powell, already partially paralyzed from shots fired into his brain by a lynch mob sheriff a year ago, is dying on his feet—his body scarcely more than skin and bones. During the last two weeks, Andy Wright, who is in danger of losing the use of his right arm from forced overwork, and Heywood Patterson have each undergone emergency operation in the callous Jim-Crow prison hospital.

## Slow Lynching

Meanwhile, a third sentence of death hangs over the head of Clarence Norris, now in the Jefferson County Jail of Birmingham.

Blocked in their continuous attempts to legally lynch these boys, Judge Callahan and his Negro-hating cronies seek to get the same result by long living-death sentences and by the slow tortuous methods of the Alabama dungeons.

"Despite all rumors of compromise and deals in the cases of the remaining five Scottsboro boys," said Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers, chairman of the Scottsboro Defense Committee, "rumors we most emphatically deny, we are pressing forward for the release of the five remaining boys."

## No Compromise on Five

"Appeals are being taken in the case of Heywood Patterson in the United States Supreme Court. Patterson, four times sentenced to death in the Alabama courts and twice saved from the electric chair by reversals in the United States Supreme Court received a 75-year sentence in the Decatur, Ala. court in January, 1936. The committee is now seeking a reversal and new trial for this heroic negro youth."

Meanwhile, the Scottsboro Defense Committee, 112 E. 19th St. in New York is asking for full support to force the removal of the other four boys from Kilby prison.

## Los Angeles Youth in Action

By LORENE BLAKE

Supervisor Roger Jessup called another meeting of representative young people on Aug. 21 to determine the necessity of a survey of the conditions existing among youth. The present score was read by a previously elected committee of five and plans were laid for future team work, as it was unanimous that a survey is very necessary.

## Youth Aid Spain

Aid by the Youth Division of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy to raise \$20,000 is under way. The money is to be used in establishing homes for the Spanish children orphaned in the war forced upon the Spanish people by the three Fates—Hitler, Franco and Mussolini. The Youth Division will be giving some more of their excellent affairs, and since the project is so vital and worthwhile, keep your eyes on them.

## Youth Assembly Scores

Making a brilliant forward pass, the Southern California Assembly of Youth, has scored a touchdown. A reorganized team of service, of coordination and contact between its affiliates, restatement of its purpose, the publicizing of any and all affiliates' events and affairs and a master calendar of such activities are its main scoring points.

Its only weak guard is its financial status. If affiliates and interested friends would get into the game and pledge monthly to the cause, the work would be done.

The Epworth Leaguers have a speakers bureau, program plans, etc., for Sunday evening church services, or any other services where a speaker is desired. This educational and ser-

**Kids Picket to Play**

ORANGE, N. J.—Carrying signs reading "We need a playground," "Keep us off the streets," 200 children in this suburban New Jersey community forced the city council to change its mind about discontinuing construction of a playground on a vacant lot which the children had been eyeing for some time.

Hearing of the council's decision to halt construction at their breakfast, they met soon afterwards and decided to show their resentment. Crayons and cardboard were soon turned into signs, and a picket line was set up. Mothers joined in and within a few hours City Commissioner Bianchi arrived and, surveying the situation, announced that the playground would be completed.

## Veblen College Planned

NEW YORK—Plans for the establishment of Veblen College, "a cooperative school to deal with problems of social change," are announced by Ralph H. Read, executive secretary, at the New York City office, 1107 Broadway. The site, at Highgate, N. J., is donated by Benjamin Brown, who was influential in the development of the Federal Homesteads Project and Cooperative Garment Factory there.

# Tom Paine: "The Crisis of 1776"

(Note: These are excerpts from the first of the series of 16 agitational articles published by Tom Paine while serving in the revolutionary army during the fiery days of the first American Revolution. The fifteenth of these is printed in full in the September Communist in commemoration of the 200th birthday of Tom Paine: September 18th.)

These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.

Whether the independence of the continent was declared too soon, or delayed too long, I will not now enter into as an argument; my own simple opinion is, that had it been eight months earlier, it would have been much better.

We did not make a proper use of last winter, neither could we, while we were in a dependant state. However, the fault, if it were one, was all our own; we have none to blame but ourselves. But no great deal is lost yet; all that Howe (British General) has been doing for this month past, is rather a ravage than conquest, which the spirit of the Jerseys a year ago would have quickly repudiated, and which time and a little resolution will soon recover.

Yet panics, in some cases, have their uses; they produce as much good as hurt. Their duration is always short; the mind soon grows through them, and acquires a firmer habit than before. But their peculiar advantage is that they are the touchstones of sincerity and hypocrisy, and bring things and men to light which might otherwise have lain forever undiscov-

ered. In fact, they have the same effect on secret traitors, which an imaginary apparition would have upon a private murderer. They sift out the hidden thoughts of man, and hold them open in public to the world. Many a disguised tory has lately shown his head that shall penitentially solemnize with curses the day on which Howe arrived upon the Delaware.

Let them call me rebel, and welcome, I feel no concern from it; but I should suffer the misery of devils, were I to make a whore of my soul by swearing allegiance to one (King of England) whose character is that of a scottish, stupid, stubborn, worthless, bruitish man.

I conceive likewise a horrid idea in receiving mercy from a being, who at the last day shall be shrieking to the rocks and mountains to cover him, and fleeing with terror from the orphan, the widow, and the slain of America.

There are cases which cannot be overdone by language, and this is one. There are persons, too, who see not the full extent of the evil which threatens them, they solace themselves with hopes that the enemy, if he succeed, will be merciful.

It is the madness of folly, to expect mercy from those who have refused to do justice; and even mercy, where conquest is the object, is only a trick of war; the cunning of the fox is as murderous as the violence of the wolf; and we ought to guard equally against both.

Howe's first object is partly by threats and partly by promises, to terrify or seduce the people to deliver up their arms and receive mercy. The ministry recommended the same plan to Gage, and this is what the tories call making their peace, "a peace which passeth all understanding" indeed. A peace which would be the immediate forerunner of a worse ruin than any we have yet thought of. Ye men of Pennsylvania, do reason upon these things!

## YOUTH AROUND THE WORLD

### Canadian Youth Congress Involves Catholic Youth

By ROY DAVIS

The Second Canadian Youth Congress met in Montreal with 750 official delegates, representing more than half a million young people. The Congress which met late in May has now issued detailed reports of the gathering.

Of great importance at the conference was the full representation of Catholic Youth. They had 130 delegates of the French-Canadian youth organizations, all of them Catholic. The official Church bodies, the Association Canadienne (ACJC) and the Jeunesse Ouvrière Catholique (JOC) were represented and played a leading role at the Congress.

### Catholic Youth Participate

For a period before the Congress, the participation of the Catholic groups seemed dubious. High officials of the church acting under the Archbishop of Montreal, Mgr. Gauthier proposed that the youth should not take part in the Congress. This was rejected. Then, these same circles proposed that the Catholic Youth present five pre-conditions for their participation, the first of which was that the Congress affirm its belief in God.

After a long joint discussion, the representatives of the Protestant Youth groups pointed out that a true concept of Christianity does not demand a forcible belief in God. The Young Communist League of Canada stated that it recognized the right of the Youth groups in the Congress, who are in their vast majority Christian and Jewish church groups to establish the belief in God. After stating its own principles clearly it "agreed with the proposal of the Committee for the sake of the unity of Canadian Youth."

### Disrupters Foiled

The Congress then adopted the proposals of the Catholics which would pledge these latter groups to participate. The only votes against it were cast by two Trotzkyists, who attacked the assembled youth as fascists and walked out.

Later in the sessions, an effort was made in the French Catholic Caucus by disrupters to propose the introduction of a motion condemning Communism. This was finally rejected.

Besides the church delegates,

75 trade unions and all the official junior farm organizations were represented. The Young Communist League had 40 delegates and the Co-operative Commonwealth Youth Movement (the Socialist Youth) about 30.

### Drastic Cut Made In NYA Student Aid

### German Youth Enslaved Says Soldier of Hitler

By KARL JAEGER

The following extract from the report of a young soldier gives a typical picture of the conditions of life of the broad masses of those doing military training.

"Two things are always in the foreground of our conversations: the bad food, and the inhuman conditions of duty. The hospitals are full of our comrades, suffering from serious gastric troubles. In addition to this there is the over-exertion while on duty. It is a fact that from early morning till late at night we have not a quiet minute to ourselves. The official pauses between duties are spent in eating and keeping weapons and uniforms in condition, and for general odd jobs that have to be done."

"The bitterness caused by these conditions is increased by the treatment we receive from our superior officers. Curses and insults, snubs and punishments are the order of the day."

"Still worse, however, is the utter ruthlessness of the new officers regarding the life and health of the men. For instance, new acid cooling apparatus was introduced for our guns. When this was tried out two of our comrades were immediately killed, because they had not had the thing explained to them sufficiently, and they were continually being hounded."

It is understood that the service is to be undertaken under the direction of Dr. John Anderson, director of the Institute of Child Welfare at the University of Minnesota, with Thomas Mignan, former sociology instructor at the university and author of "Boy and Girl Tramps of America" as active administrator.

### Youth Survey Outlined

The youth survey, very similar to the one now being planned in the city of Los Angeles, was proposed by Governor Benson and received the support of Attorney General William Ervin and State Treasurer C. A. Halverson. The scope of the youth survey was outlined to include discovering the exact needs among the youth of Minnesota and the job possibilities of the state, and then on the basis of this factual picture, planning activities to meet these needs.

### Merriam Provides Forced Labor for Rich Growers

SACRAMENTO — Roy S. Stockton, State Employment Service head, announced there would be no labor shortage for California harvests, thanks to Governor Merriam's policy of forcing workers of State Relief Administration rolls to work in the fields at sub-standard wages.

The Workers' Alliance of California is in the midst of a fight to stop this forced labor at miserable wage rates.

## AROUND THE LEAGUE

### RED SPARKS FLY WHEN TORY BLOCKS YOUTH MEET

By BEN DOBBS  
State Administrative Secretary, California Young Communist League

"O. K., Mr. Chandler, if we can't speak to 5000 youths in a meeting because you control all the halls, we will speak to the hundreds of thousands of youth in our state over the radio." Thus spoke the convention committee that has been working for months in preparation for the First Annual State Convention of the YCL.

It's an old story. The Constitution provides for free speech and assembly, but it does not provide for the conditions to make this possible. As everyone knows, the facilities to make this possible are all owned by private concerns. Therefore, they have dictated that the YCL shall not be rented a hall for the opening session of the convention. This was to be one of the biggest and best features of our convention.

Unfortunately, there was not enough time to organize a campaign to force these gentlemen to rent us a hall, so we had to postpone our convention.

### We Don't Give Up So Easily

"We must make this postponement an advantage rather than a disadvantage." This was the slogan issued in a statement sent to the members of the YCL by the State Executive Committee. With this went a plea to the members of the League to accept the challenge of these big owners. This challenge can best be answered by even more ambitious plans, by even more energy to reach the youth. The medium of the radio is the answer. That is why we are trying hard to build a radio fund, so that we can speak to the youth of our State in even greater number than possible through a meeting.

We figure that if we try hard enough we can raise the necessary \$300 to go on the air. This will be real achievement for our League, and certainly deserves all the support possible. To prove that this is not utopian, and can actually be accomplished, many comrades have pledged to save a nickel a day until the broadcast to go for this radio fund. Many branches are giving parties and affairs for the fund on the original convention dates.

So our convention is postponed until Nov. 5, 6 and 7th. This date coincides with the 20th anniversary of the workers' revolution in the Soviet Union. What better date could we have that would bring to the attention of the youth the advantages of Socialism? This is one of the aims of the YCL; to educate the youth in the spirit of Socialism, which is being celebrated in the Soviet Union.

That is the aim of the SEC and also the branches of the League in connection with the extended date of the convention and the membership Drive that is now in progress. This also, is certainly not too high a standard to shoot at. The results shows that with this added month in the drive we can certainly fulfill the goal we set for ourselves. Many comrades that felt that the trip to the Soviet Union Prize was already "in the bag" are now back in the running. This month again throws the contest wide

# Powers Accuses Water District in Banning Dynamiting

## Collective Action Will Block War

Strict Observance of Pacts Will Put Fascist Mad-Dog On Spot

**By Harry Gannes**

(This article concludes the series of three by Harry Gannes, New York Daily Worker foreign affairs expert, and author of the recently published book "When China Unites.")

Realizing that his general argument leaves the reader somewhat obscure on where he stands in the present battle of militarist fascism against nationalist China, Thomas writes: "Of course, my sympathies are wholly with the Chinese against the Japanese; a necessary emphasis in view of his previous arguments—but as matters stand in our nationalistic capitalist world, in the long run the Chinese have far more of a hope from their own efforts than from the aid from a nation which happens to be an imperialist rival to Japan."

The danger of this argument is easy to see when the realities of the situation are even casually examined. Norman Thomas wants no truce with American or British imperialism. Let's see now. Japan is attempting to enforce a blockade of China. If all war supplies are cut off China cannot with its bare hands ultimately defeat one of the most modernly-equipped military powers in the world. American and British interests in the Chinese market make these countries struggle to prevent such a blockade. Thus if U. S. and British pressure is able—and it is—to void a Japanese blockade, China has an opportunity of getting arms and supplies. Norman Thomas would majesticly tell the Chinese people to rely on their bare hands and not try to utilize the facts of the imperialist conflict in the Far East in order to counteract Japan's blockade efforts.

**Supports War**

But what is the immediate effect of the Shakai Taishuto leadership's arguments? To goad the masses not to revolution but to chauvinism and a support of the militarist-fascist war.

What is the practical effect of the Socialist Call's arguments? There is no use arousing the American people to struggle for peace—that is against war—let matters take their own course; and the worse the better.

In our policies against the isolationist position (and some of its variations) and the middle of the road policy we have more than indicated the position for collective peace action.

There can be no isolation no matter how fervent the arguments for it become. In moments when Americans could see the issue more calmly and clearly before the present hostilities in China it was recognized the peace is indivisible, and that the United States could not escape the factors that would bring on a world war.

**Powers Must Join Hands**

The security of the American people lies, therefore, not in trying to escape—a futile and dangerous hope. If war cannot be kept out of the Pacific, America cannot be kept out of war. Japan has initiated the war. Japan cannot continue or extend that war if it knows that the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain and France stand solidly against that war.

The Japanese ruling class, already faced with the threat of internal economic catastrophe and a revolutionary upsurge, would not fly in the face of the united Pacific powers, if these powers were actually collaborating for peace. Conversely, however, every retreat of the United States and Great Britain in the Pacific, every advance of isolationist views in the United States, must encourage the Japanese fascists-militarists.

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**'I COULD BE MORE USE THERE'**

**SAYS DR. ELOESSER OF SPAIN**

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ties," he explained, "and I didn't know much of the political situation in Spain before the war broke out there. But it isn't hard for anyone to see that democracy is at stake there."

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## SHELLEY QUILTS STATE LABOR CONVENTION

Joins Kidwell and Others In Protest Against Vandeleur Rule

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Union officials, in collaboration with employer interests.

The reactionary juggernaut took care to keep control by ousting virtually all progressive delegates and unions not previously expelled by Vandeleur personally.

The threat of violence was used as a club over the heads of delegates opposing the will of the machine, after the violence was applied on the persons of at least eight delegates, including President Jack Shelley of the San Francisco Central Labor Council.

**Shelley Urged Referendum**

Although faced with overwhelming odds, the progressive forces remaining made themselves heard. Shelley spoke in the interests of peace to solve the present lookout of longshoremen and warehousemen on the San Francisco waterfront, engineered by Teamsters officials and employees proposing that a National Labor Relations Board election be held among the warehousemen.

"Since the AFL fought for the establishment of the National Labor Relations Act and since President William Green of the AFL has recently re-affirmed our beliefs in the policies of President Roosevelt, I feel that we should conform to a strict observance of the law we helped to establish, instead of contributing to its nullification," declared Shelley.

**Asks Use of Wagner Act**

The National Labor Relations Act provides the machinery necessary for a just determination of this internal dispute on the Pacific Coast, and I trust that other representatives of both groups in their separate localities throughout the nation, will consent to a referendum of the workers involved for the definite and permanent settlement of this dispute."

However, his proposal was doomed to defeat at the hands of the Vandeleur-packed convention, as was the proposal of George Kidwell, Bakery Wagon Drivers of S. F., to ask President Roosevelt to name a board to conduct a referendum in both CIO and AFL on the issues involved in an attempt to secure a united labor movement.

**Convention Endorsed Lockout**

A blanket endorsement of the Teamster officials' lockout on the S. F. waterfront, was jammed through the convention. The reactionary machine blocked all resolutions directed at settling this controversy and at bringing more harmonious relations between AFL and CIO unions throughout the nation.

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Santa Barbara Alliance in  
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## U. S. SEAMEN BRAND JAPAN AS AGGRESSOR

Chicago Resolution Given  
At Request of an  
Alaska Canner

By an Alaska Canner  
SAN FRANCISCO—Enclosed you will find a copy of a resolution which was unanimously passed by the National Seamen's Conference at Chicago, convened August 30, 31 and September 1, 1937. Please print in your ranks and file column:

"The delegates to the National Unity Conference of maritime unions express their great sympathy with the Chinese people and their defense against the illegal and unjustified invasion by the Japanese government."

**Japan Branded Aggressor**

"Japan's invasion of China, without declaration of war and in violation of such international treaties as the Kellogg-Briand pact and the Nine Power Treaty, of which the U. S. is a signatory, not only has led to the deaths of tens of thousands of Chinese men, women and children, but it has brought deaths and injuries to American citizens and other nationals; and it has led to the wanton destruction of property; it threatens the peaceful commerce of the world and places in jeopardy the lives of merchant seamen. In a word, Japan's aggression not only constitutes unlawful intervention by armed forces into the affairs of a peaceful, democratic people, but also jeopardizes the rights and lives of American citizens and constitutes a threat to world peace."

**Sympathies with China**

"Where the peace of the world is threatened, where the rule of democracy and rights of democratic people are already being violated and their lives endangered, it certainly behooves all democratic people and lovers of peace to insist that their rights be respected; their lives protected, and that the violator of international treaties, the enemy of democracy, the foe of peace and the agent of fascism that has invaded China be restrained. Our sympathies are with those who are being attacked."

"We American seamen, recognizing that in this state of affairs we cannot even engage in our calling except at the risk to our lives, therefore resolve:

"That American vessels should not be restricted from calling into Chinese ports unless they are also restricted from Japanese ports while Japan is the aggressor nation."

"That we petition the United States Government to collaborate with the other signatories of the Kellogg-Briand Pact and the Nine Power Treaty, for the purpose of realizing the following aims set forth in these treaties— Nine Power Act—The contracting powers agree to respect the sovereignty, the independence and territorial and administrative integrity of China; Kellogg Peace Pact—The high contracting parties solemnly declare in the name of their respective peoples that they condemn recourse to war for the solution of their international controversies and renounce it as an instrument of national policy in relation with one another."

"3. We further petition that the United States Government declares Japan a violator of these treaties, of which she was a signatory, and classifies Japan as an aggressor nation and enforce an economic embargo against her, until such time as all Japanese troops are withdrawn from China."

"4. We urge that all maritime workers and their unions do everything possible to assist the Chinese people and protest the Japanese invasion of China and adopt such measures as will lead to the realization of these aims."

**Ack War Bonuses**

"5. We further declare that in view of the fact that the lives of American seamen are in constant jeopardy on ships sailing through the so-called war-zone, and that the shipowners have increased their rates for the transportation of cargo and passengers, that the seamen are justified in demanding the payment of bonuses and should have the support of all organized labor."

"6. We finally declare that this conference of maritime unions gathered here in Chicago demands of the State Department that it takes steps to protect the lives of American citizens, both passengers and crews of those vessels, engaged in the districts where a state of war exists, or passing through the so-called war zone."

**Fifth Year of Folk School**

MONTEAGLE, Tenn.—The fifth year of Highlander Folk School opened here Sept. 1 with numerous students from trade unions in attendance. Courses include: how to build the union, labor history, economics, public speaking and parliamentary law, journalism, dramatics and cooperatives.

## They're Indispensable for Successful Union Affairs



ORGANIZED in Memphis, where Composer Handy wrote his famous "blues" songs, this all-Negro chorus, composed of members of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, Local 267, do their bit to bring workers of the South closer together. No union affair is complete without them.

## ALLIANCE SUPPORTS LAUNDRY STRIKERS IN SANTA BARBARA

Laborers' and Other Unions  
Make Strike Donations

SANTA BARBARA—The Laborers' and one or two other unions have contributed \$100 to the support of the laundry strikers here.

Our Workers Alliance had to move its meeting place last evening, so now our weekly meeting will be held in the Lincoln School Auditorium, which is better located for the majority of our members.

### Support Strike

The Alliance Local 16 adopted the following resolution in support of the Laundry Strikers:

To the Manager of the Ambassador Laundry Company, 201 E. Haley St., and to the Manager of Mission Linen and Towel Supply, 725 E. Montecito St.:

### Resolution

Whereas: The Laundry Workers of the Ambassador and Mission Linen and Towel Supply, have now been Strike since Thursday, September 2, and

Whereas: Their demands for an adequate raise in wages as per schedule presented, to meet the increase in living expenses, have been ignored, and

Whereas, it has been proven that shorter working hours, at a reasonable increase in wages as indicated, has resulted elsewhere in greater efficiency and in the reduction of unemployment: Therefore

Be it Resolved: That the Workers Alliance of California, Local 16 of Santa Barbara, in meeting assembled, Friday evening, September 3, does hereby sustain their demands 100% and urge your bodies to make a speedy settlement with these workers.

Respectfully submitted, Local 16, W.A.C., S. B. Branch.  
Mary R. Rodwick, Cor. Sec.

## Legion Magazine Hails Mussolini

### By a Veteran

LOS ANGELES—The mail coming into the National Military Home contains many copies of the American Legion Magazine. The issue of September, 1937, has pages of ballyhoo on how nice it is in Italy and Germany.

The articles on Italy are about Rome, by two agents of Mussolini. The first one is called "The City Eternal," by Giulio Suryich, Italian ambassador to the U. S.; the other, "The City Progressive," by Capt. C. H. Huntington, of the Italian World War Veterans' Assn.

### "Glorifying" Mussolini

The golden-haired boy in the "city eternal" is none other than Mussolini. Benito must hold his own with Paul Bunyan, so some of his mouthpieces use the American Legion Magazine for this purpose.

Capt. Huntington slobbers all over himself in the "city progressive." He states that spiritual restoration has brought about material restoration and that there is not a single Italian today who does not feel proud of Rome. The drive goes on and on by this Capt. Huntington, who is a native of Boston. He has spent much time in Italy, where his father was U. S. consul at Florence.

**Mussolini's Crimes Unmentioned**

Surville and Huntington do not mention one word about the rape of Ethiopia or the slaughter of men, women and children in Democratic Spain by this same beet-browed hero of theirs.

The gounds of this National Home are littered with the American Legion publications. The wind is blowing the litter about. A veteran sitting next to me says: "Slim, if the folks back in Missouri had them that magazines, they could use 'em for striking paper."

## "Ouch!" Cried The Politician

### By a Worker Correspondent

MARIPOSA, Cal.—At an election rally that took place on a farm nearby, two politicians, one representing the Democratic Party and the other the Republican Party, spoke from a decorated platform. When the time came for a representative of the Communist Party to speak, he was told by a hard-boiled chairman to speak from the top of a wagon heaped full of manure.

He did not object and with a smile clambered to the top of the huge load of manure and began: Ladies and gentlemen, this is the first time I have ever spoken from the platform of all the capitalist parties!"

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## RICHMOND'S UNITED LABOR DAY PARADE WAS HUGE SUCCESS

### CIO Members Predominated in History-Making Parade

### By a Cannery Worker

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## STOCKTON AFL HEADS FAILED IN RED BAITING

### Carpenters' Union Upheld Marching of Members On Labor Day

### By a Carpenter

STOCKTON — The Building Trades Council voted not to participate in the Labor Day parade here but instead, its members were urged to go to Modesto. This was all done without asking the rank and file, on Monday morning, Labor Day.

Some rank and file carpenters decided to ignore the warning of the top leadership and together with some members of Local 73, Common Laborers' Union, decided to march, and they formed

### Biggest Applause

They got the biggest applause from workers lining the sidewalks for ignoring the warning of the top leadership.

At the September 7 meeting of the Building Trades, about 75 members of Carpenters' Local 266 attended. Burley Russell, vice-president of the local, brought in a motion to expel all the brothers who marched in the Labor Day parade "with the CIO Communists."

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## SPRING SPRINGS Workers Prepare Demands On Wilshire Oil

### By an Oil Worker

SANTA FE SPRINGS, Los Angeles County.—Oil workers of the Wilshire Co. held a meeting here August 26, to plan for the conference with the Wilshire management for a new scale of hours and wages. On motion of J. C. Coulter secretary of Long Beach Local 128 of the Int'l. Oil Workers Union, all former plans were disregarded and a new line of strategy was adopted—i.e. to ask for a reclassification of all jobs that might be considered as being too low.

On a motion to test sentiment in regard to working hours, the meeting voted by a large majority for the 36-hour schedule immediately. A committee of 12 was elected to interview the management.

It is expected the company will offer a slight increase based on continuing the 40-hour schedule, and a slightly larger increase if the workers decide to go on the 36-hour schedule immediately.

Under the original contract, signed early last spring, Wilshire must place all employees on a 36-hour schedule by the first of the year.

### Small Farmer Asks Dope on Pro-Rate

### By a Small Farmer

SHINGLEY, Cal.—I am a small truck gardener and raise tomatoes, and so at the present time they are trying to get us into this pro-rate, and I have been opposed to it, as I think it is not for the benefit to the small man.

If the "Western" has any dope on it or can find any, I would appreciate very much having something good to base arguments on. Or I would like to know if I have the right idea or not.

I extend best wishes for the success of the "Western." I like the work it is doing. I always pass mine along to some one who cannot

# A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Features

Longshoremen expose plotting of ex-ILA heads and Marine Firemen's officials with Dave "Goon Squad" Beck--Hollywood Studio Workers protest jurisdictional claim of IATSE--Field and Cannery Workers urged to contact CIO union locals, listed below in directory--Other labor news on regular news pages.

# Alaska Cannery Workers Union Brands Vandeleur Liar

## SPIKES CHARGE OF AFL OFFICER AS FALSEHOOD

Union Accuses Vandeleur And His Agents of Racketeering

**SAN FRANCISCO** — While President George Woolf was in process of filing a suit against Edward D. Vandeleur, State Federation of Labor secretary, for libel and slander, the Alaska Cannery Workers Union publicity committee issued a statement branding charges of Vandeleur that he revoked the union's charter because money was collected under false pretenses as lies.

Pointing out the Vandeleur charges are as baseless and so immaterial that the Central Labor Council would refuse to recognize them, the ACWU statement points out the following facts:

### Lies Given Vandeleur

"1. He claims per capita has only been paid for eight members—the truth is that the per capita has been paid for 1,694 members up till May 21, 1937 further per capita is being withheld until counting of CIO affiliation votes now going on."

"2. That a charge of \$25 was levied for initiation fees—as a matter of fact nothing has been charged to date for initiation from those members who joined last year—a \$15 initiation fee is being charged those who apply for membership this year."

"3. That men paid dues into the union thinking they were going to Alaska and did not go—at no time was anyone asked to pay anything to the union if they did not go to Alaska."

"4. He talks about unauthorized initiation fees and assessments—a search of the minutes of our union meetings will prove that at no time was there any fee levied or donation made to any cause without the consent of the membership."

"5. Vandeleur charges racketeering against our President Geo. Woolf, when a further search of our financial records will prove that it was Vandeleur's agents who were racketeering when our union was first organized as for instance—Fred West, who is seconding Vandeleur's charges, took \$500 for a period of less than one month for "organizing services." Duhaigan and Feliciano, other Vandeleur agents, took respectively \$600 and \$700 for a couple of months of "organizing services." The latter two were expelled from our union by a unanimous vote of the membership."

### Back Woolf 100%

"These are just a few facts as to the true conditions of our union. Our members are backing Woolf 100 per cent in his suit for slander against Vandeleur—it is time that men of Vandeleur, West and Co. strike are driven out of the ranks of labor and exposed as bosses again."



A PICTORIAL EPIC of labor organizations is "Men and Ships," issued by the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, District Council No. 2, San Francisco, showing in actual photographs the conditions aboard ships and on the docks on the Pacific Coast, the triumphs and successes won by the maritime unions since the historic 1934 strike. Fifty cents sent to District Council No. 2, 112 Market St., San Francisco, will bring you a copy.

## Foc'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

SCMETHING happened down in Montevideo, Uruguay, the other day that should serve as a very pertinent object lesson to all maritime workers.

The members of the Uruguayan Maritime Federation were on strike. Soab longshoremen were working on the docks.

The American Republic Line ordered put in irons for supporting their striking brothers at Montevideo?

But Kennedy's appointment was political. We had nothing to say about it. The shipowners, with their expensive Washington lobby and their Senator Royal S. Copeland, did have something to say about it.

Unless we get busy and take our rightful place on the political field, there will be a flock of Kennedys and the shipowners' expensive lobby will force the government into further attacks upon waterfront unions.

### On Furuseth

OLD Andy Furuseth is ill and broke in the East, according to a news dispatch.

Andy founded the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, and did a good job of it, according to his lights. Andy knew more, probably, about maritime law than any other single individual in this country.

But there was the trouble. Andy couldn't see beyond the so-called "legalities" of a situation. He fought incessantly against the rising militancy of the seamen. He always wanted to hold them back. He never could realize that the sailors were tired of holding back. He tried to stampede them back to the ships in the great 1934 strike out here. And he committed suicide when he did so.

Because the seamen laughed at him. They laughed at his tears and his impotent appeals for "sanity." They laughed at his antics before their members' meetings.

Old Andy probably was sincere, too. He lived a frugal life and didn't put aside any money for the day when he would be forced to wind up his days in Snug Harbor.

Before he passed out of the maritime picture, Andy found himself with the phonies—with Scharrenberg and Carlson and Bill Green, and yes, even with Joe Ryan. He couldn't help it because his policies stifled the seamen, held them back. Scharrenberg, Carlson and the rest of the ISU fakers consciously sabotaged the fundamental desires of the rank and file.

There is a lesson in all this for some of the seamen's present "leadership." The rank and file will be heard. Nothing can keep the rank and file down for very long. You can't fool all of the rank and file all of the time.

And it usually turns out that those who attempt the impossible, some day find themselves on the ash heap. Like some of those old ships in the Alameda boneyard, they just naturally fall by the wayside.

America is moving forward and the seamen are right up in front. Woe betide anyone who attempts to halt that progress. The report is in. Read it. Form your own conclusions.

## ILA EXPOSES PLOTS WITH TEAMO CZARS

Ex-Longshore Heads and Firemen Officials Helping Beck

(Intl. Longshoremen's Assn. Press Release)

The West Coast Highway Drivers' Council, with Dave Beck in the driver's seat, met Friday, September 10, in the Clift Hotel in San Francisco, which was the Beck headquarters.

The Teamsters' Conference was attended by over 50 delegates from up and down the Coast. The Pacific Coast ILA District received word the Highway Council had arranged meetings with former District ILA officials, ILA members and other maritime union officials for the express purpose of setting up AFL locals for longshoremen and warehousemen.

**Employers' Agents**

Believing the individuals who would attend would prove to be as big enemies as Holman and the employers, the District Office got in touch with President Schmidt of 38-79 and requested aid of a couple of men to keep in close contact with this very dangerous and desperate move and to get all information possible.

**The District considers it good strategy to uncover those members within our ranks who are meeting with employers' agents, such as Beck, Casey and McLaughlin to prove to be.**

President Schmidt assigned Brothers Carlton Melin and Charles Waughman.

Following is their report (in part):

### Report Made

7:40 p.m., Paddy Morris and Charles Peabody arrived at Ferry Building, hailed a yellow cab. They check in Clift Hotel at 7:55 p.m.

At 9:45 p.m., Beck, Casey and Conboy (Teamster officials), arrive at hotel in Dodge sedan.

September 10, 8:05 a.m., Bill Lewis and Elmer Bruce (San Pedro) come out of Clift Hotel; 8:50 a.m., Lewis and Bruce re-enter hotel; 9:28 a.m., Jack Crilly arrives with another individual in squad car; many men arrive in groups, recognized as Teamster officials, other union officials; Joe Casey and McLaughlin hold short conversation with six Teamster officials going into hotel.

**Ferguson and Casey**

September 10, afternoon, 1:08 p.m., Paddy Morris, Lewis, Peabody and Bruce come out of hotel and are met by Ralph Mallen; 2:01 p.m., Morris, Lewis, Peabody, Bruce and Mallen return.

September 11, Morris, Lewis, Peabody and Bruce in and out of hotel all morning; 1:04 p.m., Dutch Dietrich enters hotel; 1:20 p.m., Ferguson (secretary, Marine Firemen) enters hotel; Nance O'Neil (Marine Firemen) enters; 1:25 p.m., five Teamster officials arrive.

At 3:14 p.m., Joe Casey, Ferguson, Nance O'Neil and Malone Cross Geary and go up Taylor St. Casey and Ferguson chat for a few moments on the corner, turn around and return to hotel. A legal looking person with brief case joins Casey and Ferguson.

**Ferguson Nervous**

At 3:35 p.m., McLaughlin and Joe Deveny, Teamster officials, leave hotel.

At 4:12 p.m., Ferguson and legal-looking guy with brief case come out of hotel. Guy with brief case enters Yellow Cab.

Ferguson is joined by Casey. Casey links his arm with Ferguson, Casey talks like a dutch uncle to Ferguson. Ferguson appears nervous, he buttons and unbuttons his vest, straightens his tie. Soon Casey and Ferguson are in arm walk down Taylor St.

At 4:40 p.m., Jack Crilly and another Teamster official hold conversation with carload of seafarers parked across from Clift. The Teamster official goes back into hotel and Crilly and his seafarers drive away; 6:15 p.m., Dutch Dietrich leaves Clift, appeared nervous, kept glancing over his shoulder for a least two blocks after he left hotel.

September 12, 10:48 a.m., Bruce Morris and Kucin (Marine Federation secretary) enter hotel.

This concludes the report up until Monday morning, September 13, 9:05 a.m. Brothers Melin and Waughman are still on the job and further details will no doubt be forthcoming.

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**Perhaps from this report maritime workers can get a clear picture on the developments of the past four weeks.**

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## Business Agent Bob Says

I SAW something in the paper the other day about another one of these rich dames and her string of ex-husbands, which reminded me of the following reported conversation:

Mrs. Richswitch: "Oh, your husband has a new suit."

Mrs. Moneybags: "No, he hasn't."

Mrs. Richswitch: "Well, something's different."

Mrs. Moneybags: "It's a new husband!"

## U. S. TO SUE LOS ANGELES POTASH PLANT

Company Disregarded Labor Board Ruling Favoring Workers

(Los Angeles Western Worker Bureau)

LOS ANGELES—Choosing to ignore National Labor Relations Board order for reinstatement of 19 men fired for union activity, American Potash and Chemical Company, reputedly dominated by foreign capital, now faces a suit in the United States Circuit Court, according to a statement issued by Los Angeles Director Dr. Towne Nylander here.

What prompted Nylander to take this action is the "roundabout" AP&C has given the board's ruling.

**Ignores NLRB Order**

Over a month has elapsed since the Labor Board issued an order requiring the company to disband the Allied Chemical Workers' Association, obviously a company union, and to offer reinstatement to the discharged employees with back pay. The company has not complied.

Commenting on the board's action against the AP&C, Attorney Allan Frankel, counsel for the discharged unionists, believes the company courted drastic action against it.

**Potash company will find that it cannot play around with federal government rulings, he said.**

are to represent all of them in the future."

The IATSE claims 15,000 members here and 10,000 more in other parts of the country.

Studio workers pointed out that this would not constitute a true industrial union, but would more nearly approximate a company union. There is a strong sentiment for the Committee for Industrial Organization among the studio workers.

"We found that the various unions of employees, acting independently, failed to gain recognition as units and so we

## CANNERY AND FIELD WORKERS URGED TO CONTACT THESE CIO UNION LOCALS

Listing its chartered locals in District 2 (California, Arizona, Hawaii), the CIO United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America urges workers to contact the locals in their respective localities, as follows:

LOCAL 3—Dairy Workers Union, 406 South Main St., Los Angeles.

LOCAL 5—Alaska Cannery Workers Union, 32 Clay St., San Francisco.

LOCAL 11—Cannery Workers Union, 72 North 2nd St., San Jose.

LOCAL 12—Agricultural Workers Union, Marysville.

LOCAL 14—Cannery & Preserve Workers Union, 320 Market St., San Francisco.

LOCAL 15—Cannery Workers Union, 936 Broadway, Oakland.

LOCAL 18—Cannery & Agricultural Union, Box 1427, Salinas.

LOCAL 20—Cannery & Agricultural Union, 42 North Center St., Stockton.

LOCAL 22—Cannery & Agricultural Union, 531 East Meta St., Ventura.

LOCAL 23—Cannery & Agricultural Union (Camarillo) 531 East Meta St., Ventura.

LOCAL 24—Cannery & Agricultural Union, Rt. 1, Box 26, Chowchilla.

LOCAL 26—Cannery & Agricultural Union, 11th St. Store, Yuma, Ariz.

LOCAL 29—Cannery & Agricultural Union, 204 East 4th St., Santa Ana.

LOCAL 30—Cannery & Agricultural Union (Yuma County), Box 375, San Jose.

LOCAL 32—Cannery & Agricultural Union, Box 525, Watsonville.

LOCAL 33—Cannery & Agricultural Union, 622 Eye St., Sacramento.

LOCAL 36—Cannery & Agricultural Union, Box 431, Mountain View.

LOCAL 42—Cannery & Agricultural Union (Bakersfield), Box 741, Delano.

LOCAL 44—Cannery & Agricultural Union, 909 Webster St., Redlands.

LOCALS 49—Cannery & Agricultural Union, P. O. Box 698, Hynes.

LOCAL 58—Cannery & Agricultural Union (Modesto), Box 226, Riverbank.

LOCAL 64—United Fish Cannery Workers, Rt. 1, Box 526, National City.

LOCAL 68—Cannery & Agricultural Union, 639 20th St., Richmond.

LOCAL 69—Cannery & Agricultural Union, Box 848, Santa Maria.

LOCAL 71—Field Workers Union, 300 West Ocean St., Lompoc.

LOCAL 72—Field Workers Union, Box 932, Pismo Beach.

LOCAL 76—Cannery & Agricultural Union (Hawaii), Box 76, Honolulu, T. H.

LOCAL 78—Wrap Packers & Shed Helpers of California, L. D. McMillan, General Delivery, Santa Maria.

LOCAL 79—Cannery & Agricultural Union, 1921 Indio St., San Diego.

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